(b) if so, the number of such buses with DTC; and

(c) how they are being utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conversion of Guntur-Macherla MG to BG

1517. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in respect of (i) conversion of Guntur-Macherla Meter Gauge line into Broad Gauge line and (ii) Telapur-Patancherun new BG line and by what time the same will be completed; and

(b) what is the total estimate cost of the said projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Progress and estimated costs of the two projects are as under:—

S. No.	Project	Estimated cost	Progress Rs. crores
1	Guntur-Macherla; conversion of MG line into BG. . . .	60.07	40%
2	Telapur-Patancheru new BG line.	7 00	40%

S. No. 1 is being progressed on priority and is expected to be completed during 1990, subject to availability of funds. Further progress on S. No. 2 has been affected by the prevailing resource constraints. As such, no forecast can be made about the likely time of its completion.

Survey of Railway Lines in A.P.

1518. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new Railway lines *viz.* (i) new BG line between Patancheru to Peddapalli (ii) new BG line from Nadyal to Yerraguntla (iii) new BG line from Nizamabad to Ramagundam and (iv) new BG line from Niduprolu to Nizampatnani in Andhra Pradesh have been surveyed; and

(b) if so, by what time the above four projects would be taken for execution?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction of these new lines is not programmed at present.

Air Taxi Service in the Country

1519. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1237 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November 1987 and state:

(a) whether a final decision about starting air taxi service in the country has been taken by Government;

(b) if so, whether it will be a state owned project or the private parties are to be permitted to operate them; and

(c) what are the routes on which these air taxis are likely to be permitted to operate?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) After approval by Central Government guidelines relating to the operation of Air Taxi Services were Published on 14-11-1986 which is placed as annexure. [See Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 48]. Air Taxi Service can use airfields authorised by Director General from time to time. The list of approved airfields at present is included in the guidelines.

Any citizen of India or group of individuals of Indian nationality, or Public Sector Undertakings of the Government of India, or State Governments are eligible for Air Taxi operations.

Expansion of Rail Lines in Uttar Pradesh

1520. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of expansion projects of rail lines in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) what are the details of the expansion work of rail line done during the same period, in kilometers, in that State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The details of new line projects in progress during the last 3 years in U.P. are as under:

	Length (Km) 6	Present Progress
1. Rampur-New Haldwani	81	23%
2. Mathura-Alwar (partly in U.P.)	120	8.5%
3. Guna-Etawah (partly in U.P.)	348	(Work presently in progress in M.P.)

No New line has been commissioned during the last 3 years in Uttar Pradesh.

इलाहाबाद सिटी रेलवे स्टेशन का आधुनिकीकरण

1521. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या इलाहाबाद सिटी रेलवे स्टेशन के विस्तार तथा आधुनिकीकरण के लिये एक योजना तैयार करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है और इस परियोजना के कब तक पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'ना' हो तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद): (क) जी हां ।

(ख) इस प्रस्ताव की मुख्य बातें संलग्न विवरण ; में दर्शायी गयी है (**नीचे देखिये**)

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

विवरण

इलाहाबाद सिटी में आदर्श स्टेशन योजना की प्रमुख विशेषताएं

1. मौजूदा स्टेशन इमारत को सुन्दर बनाना ।

2. पूछताछ कार्यालय, आरक्षण कार्यालय और बुकिंग कार्यालय का सुधार ।

3. प्रतीक्षालय में सुधार ।